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closes it, irresistibly reminded of the old proverb about the mountain being in labor and bringing forth a mouse.

LECTURES UPON THE NURSING OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. By F. I. Woollacott, M. A., M. D., B. Ch. Oxon., D. P. H., Pub. Scientific Press Ltd., London.

This little book, another contribution from the "Old Country," will be found very agreeable reading, though not presenting any new features in the nursing of infectious diseases. It is strictly a book for nurses and may safely be left in the hands of the most youthful probationer. The author explains in the preface that he has been mindful of the temptations of the average nurse: "The question of treatment has presented some difficulties, as books intended for nurses are sometimes condemned for dealing with matters which strictly belong to the province of the medical man. While fully admitting, however, that it is not the duty of the nurse to originate treatment, it must be a matter of general experience that it is sometimes very convenient when she is sufficiently well-informed to anticipate and prepare for the instructions that are likely to be given her.

